



Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 – WAIVER UPDATES / NEWS

AMENDMENTS TO THE DD WAIVERS APPROVED BY CMS

- "Camp Settings" are now an authorized location for Respite Care Services.
- A uniform rate setting methodology and resource allocation via OASIS (Objective Assessment System for Individual Supports) has been approved. Direct your questions and concerns regarding OASIS to the OASIS-ICAP Help Line at 317-234-5222 or 1-888-527-2222 or Email OASIS-ICAPhelp@fssa.in.gov.
- Priority Waivers are available for people transitioning from Nursing Facilities, Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Homes, and State Operated Facilities (SOFs).

WAITING LIST SLOTS TO BE RELEASED IN NOVEMBER

An additional 100 Support Services Waiver slots will be released to people on the waiting list, based on date of application. In addition, FSSA has announced that 711 Developmental Disability Waiver slots and 55 Autism Waiver slots will be released to those on waiting lists.

PRIORITY WAIVERS FOR CHILDREN LEAVING SCHOOL

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration has announced a plan to bring support services to over 1,600 young adults with developmental disabilities between the ages of 18-24 over the next 10 months. The first target is young people who left school in the 2006-2007 school year. 500 SSW slots are reserved for these individuals. An additional 1,100 SSW slots for young adults, 18-24, who have left school are planned to be released September, 2007- June, 2008. FSSA plans to offer the Support Services Waiver to future eligible students leaving high school. Key to implementing that plan is the future support of the Indiana General Assembly.

PRIORITY WAIVER FOR CAREGIVERS 80 AND OVER

DDARS has immediate openings on the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver for people with developmental disabilities living with elderly caregivers who are 80 or older.

TO APPLY

If you think you might be eligible for one of the Priority DD Waivers, contact your local BDDS office RIGHT AWAY to apply. Contact information for BDDS offices can be found at: www.in.gov/fssa/disability/services/field/ or on page 41 of the “*Yellow Book” - *Indiana Home and Community Medicaid Waiver Programs: Guide for Consumers, March 2007

OTHER RESOURCES

- A family advocate and a self-advocate has been hired in each BDDS District to provide Waiver information and training locally. For more information, contact Nanette Whightsel at the Arc of Indiana: 800-382-9100; nwhightsel@arcind.org
- Copies of the Consumer Guide sometimes known as the “Yellow Book” are available in several formats including Spanish from the Council office or on line at www.in.gov/gpcpd/publications/#4 Contact bwade@gpcpd.org
- Family Voices Indiana has developed a Fact Sheet about Indiana’s Medicaid Waiver programs. It is available on line on the Council’s website (see above)